



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: July 25, 2017
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

Public Safety SC July 25, 2017.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Leahy, C. Leary and C. Rourke. Also present Manager Murphy; Dept. Supt. Richardson (LPD); C. Samaras; C. Belanger; C. Elliott; and C. Mercier,

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Leahy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Chairman Leahy read the public notice that had been posted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Leahy opened first area of discussion regarding drug arrests in the City. Dep. Supt. Richardson commented on COOP Program and enforcement actions of the department which included the number of officers in the NARC Unit; detectives in the task force; and various patrols in the City. C. Leahy noted that the task force is one of the more prevalent in the Commonwealth. Dep. Supt. Richardson noted that education should be part of program. C. Rourke questioned procedures for patrolling parks in the City. Dep. Supt. Richardson noted concern with the parks and how they patrolled including use of video surveillance. C. Leary questioned ability to use video in cruisers. C. Leahy noted that all parks are monitored. C. Belanger noted efforts of the task force to fight drugs and that it is important to stop the supply of drugs coming into the City. C. Belanger noted hotline and tip line in use. C. Mercier commented on hotline as well as CrimeStoppers program as well as neighborhood groups used to combat drugs.



Second area of discussion regarding motor vehicle violations was open and Dep. Supt. Richardson outlined report regarding ticketing in the City. C. Leahy noted the need to clear sidewalks for safety purposes. C. Leahy commented on registration violations. Dep. Supt. Richardson noted he would provide report on same and that the key element is to stay on enforcement policies. C. Rourke noted that the Lowell District Court was very busy processing violations issued by the Lowell Police. C. Elliott commented on the number of summonses issued by the department and the need to continue to write citations.

Lastly the following individuals commented on various neighborhood concerns. Bill Dailey commented on various issues; including drugs in public housing, code violations, low-riders, hands free phones and fireworks. Robert Hunt commented on condition at home on Florence Avenue. C. Leahy noted that rooming housing was a common complaint. Manager Murphy noted the use of neighborhood task force to identify issues in the neighborhoods. Deb Forgione commented zoning issues in the City noting rooming housing. C. Samaras questioned what where the areas of concern. Dep. Supt. Richardson noted that disturbance calls may be hard to cover. C. Mercier commented on upcoming events in the neighborhoods. Jack Moynihan commented on improved lighting downtown.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion "To Adjourn" by C. Leahy, seconded by C. Rourke. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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